

**Subject:** Report on Leadership Training in Internet Governance for Persons with Disability in Pakistan

## Introduction:

*I recently attended a revolutionary Leadership Training in Internet Governance for persons with disability [PWDs] in Pakistan, held in Ramada Hotel Islamabad from December 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023. This 3 days training organized by Path Finder Solutions [Private] limited Pakistan Telecommunication Authority [PTA] & ISOC Accessibility Standing Group, proved to be a transformative experience, equipping me with valuable knowledge and a renewed commitment to digital accessibility.*

## Key Learnings

### **Internet Governance:**

*The training provided comprehensive introduction to Internet Governance [IG], including its multi stakeholder model, Global ecosystem and current trends. Understanding these fundamentals is crucial for persons with disability to actively participate in shaping the internet's future.*

### **Accessibility Best Practices:**

*Identifying and removing barriers in technology and online environment is essential for achieving digital inclusion.*

### **Cybersecurity & Privacy:**

*Protecting online data and privacy is first and foremost in today's digital world. The training addressed the risks associated with use of internet and presented important practices for safeguarding personal data.*

### **Pakistan's Digital Ecosystem:**

*Understanding the current state and future directions of Pakistan's Digital landscape is crucial for effective advocacy and participation.*

*The training offered deep and profound discussions on country's digital initiatives and their potential impact on persons with disability [PWDs].*

### **Role of PWDs in shaping Internet Governance [IG] policies:**

*We explored how Persons with disability become agents of change in creating a inclusive and accessible internet world for all. Learning about effective advocacy strategies and mechanism for influencing policy decision was particularly empowering.*

### **Opportunities in Internet Governance [IG]:**

*I gained valuable knowledge about fellowship and grant opportunities in Internet Governance, and influences policy making processes.*

**Commitment:**

*Attending this training has asserted my commitment to contributing to digital accessibility.*

*My action plan, collaborating with fellow participants, includes actively working on digital accessibility and spread awareness about Digital Accessibility among PWDs through Webinars and workshops*

*I strength my newfound learning to provide consulting and solutions to organizations or individuals seeking to make their products, web sites, or services accessible to all.*